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MUST CALL HALT IN RAILWAY WORK

Temporary Suspension Now Found Necessary—Funds Not Available—Millions of Dollars of Improvement Plans Can Not Be Carried Out.

Washington, March 19.—Instructions issued today by the railroad administration will result in the temporary suspension of postponement of millions of dollars of railroad improvement work, because of the financial predicament caused by failure of congress to pass appropriations of the administrations revolving fund. The suspension of work applies to many new stations, under erection or planned, spur tracks, roadbeds improvement, elevated tracks, and construction of bridges and buildings.

Railroad administration officials said comparatively few men would be thrown out of work as a result of the orders but admitted that the railroad improvement program, planned for this year partly as a means of employing large number of laborers during the readjustment period, probably would not be carried out. The program called for the expenditure of more than a half-billion dollars for additions and betterments alone.

The orders sent to regional directors to be forwarded by them to federal managers specified that if corporate officers of railroad companies withdraw or withhold approval of any improvement project for financial reasons or otherwise the proposals are to be sent to the railroad administration for further review. Railroad offices here today said that approval had been or would be withheld for hundreds of improvement projects because of the uncertainty of the present financial situation.

In cases where this approval is not given procedure is to be as follows: "Work not started shall not be commenced without further approval by the division of capital expenditures. As to projects already started and actually under way, please see that no further work is done except when necessary to insure safety; where the project is so far completed that to stop work would be more expensive than to continue it; and where a job is covered by bona fide contract and stopping the work would seriously demoralize conditions, especially as to working forces."

STILL BUYING HOMES.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cochran have purchased from Messrs. Neuffer and McMurray the residence on South Main Street occupied at present by the family of Mr. J. R. Woodhurst. They expect to move in shortly.

Mr. W. L. Peebles has purchased from Wm. P. Greene a lot on Chestnut Street adjoining the lot recently sold to Mr. Ben T. Cochran. Both expect to build homes during the coming summer.

BLACKSTONE IN COURT.

Mrs. Mary Blackstone has commenced an action against the City of Abbeville, in which she claims fifteen thousand dollars in damages on account of injuries which she alleges she received by reason of a defect in one of the sidewalks of the city. J. Howard Moore is attorney for the plaintiff, while D. H. Hill, the city attorney, represents the city.

COTTON MARKET.

Good cotton on the Abbeville market brought 28 1-2c. yesterday. March futures closed in New York at 24.65.

1918 COTTON CROP PRODUCTION

Washington, March 20.—Final statistics on the 1918 cotton crop, announced today by the Census Bureau in its last ginning report, placed production at 11,888,138 running bales, or 12,022,601 equivalent 500 pound bales, both exclusive of linters.

ABBEVILLE MEN OUT.

The Following Soldiers From this County Were Discharged at Camp Jackson on Wednesday and Will Return Home at Once.

William Agnew, Colonel Durham, James Wilson, Willis Mabry, Samuel Black, all of Abbeville; William H. Sharpe, Leon Gordon, Donalds; William Waters, Lowndesville; Arthur Coleman, Hiram Walls, Tandy Seiger, John Baughman, McCormick; Raymond Wells, Mt. Carmel.

Colored.

Jerome Young, John Chatman, Willie Johnson, Will Reddick, Abbeville; Clarence Jones, Due West; Walter Jackson, Donalds; Jimmie Moragne, Willington, Essau Fair, Abbeville.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Mr. John C. Weathers, from the office of the Internal Revenue Commissioner, will be in Abbeville today for the purpose of taking income tax returns. The time has been extended for these returns through this week, after which the penalty will go on. If you have not already made your return it will pay you to see Mr. Weathers today.

ANOTHER TYPOGRAPHICAL!

In the advertisement of the Opera House announcing the coming of the Birth of a Nation, the date appeared in our last issue as March 16th, when it should have been March 26th.

Bear in mind that the "Birth of a Nation" comes to the Opera House on Wednesday, March 26, BOTH MATINEE AND NIGHT.

This is the first time that this great production has been shown at popular prices, and is positively your last opportunity to witness this wonderful spectacle, as it will not be shown here again.

COL. SONDLEY SICK.

Col. Dick Sondley, the capable Auditor of Abbeville County, is on the sick list. He undertook to smoke "a good ten cent cigar" and play a game of set-back in the Hill-billy Club at the same time, which overworked him a little. A dose of calomel of the correct size, which Dr. Jack Pressly gave him, and a little rest is bringing him around.

HOME ON LEAVE.

Walter Wilkinson, who entered the Navy in the service of his country at the beginning of the war, is at home on a short leave and is entertaining his friends telling his experiences.

MR. MILLER BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Chauncey Miller, for several years traveling representative of The Charleston News and Courier in this section, has been appointed business manager of the Columbia Bureau of The News and Courier. He will receive and look after advertisements and subscriptions from the office in Columbia. Mr. Miller formerly was a resident of Abbeville.—The Index-Journal.

DR. BARNETT TO BUILD.

Architect J. C. Hemphill is drawing plans for a bungalow for Dr. W. A. Barnett which will be erected on the corner of Boone and South Main streets, near the residence of Mr. W. H. Napier. Dr. Barnett recently bought three and one-half acres in that section of the city.—Index-Journal.

POMERENE WOULD GIVE ROADS BACK

Says Principles of Common Honesty Demand This—Critiques Administration for Ignoring I. C. C. in Matter of Rate-Making—Senator Talks in Chicago.

Chicago, March 19.—Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, a Democratic member of the Senate interstate commerce committee, speaking here tonight before the American Railway Engineers' Society, opposed extending the period of government control over the railroads beyond the twenty-one months provided by Congress. He asserted that the proposed five years' extension was urged only for the purpose of experimentation.

Senator Pomerene also urged early restoration of the functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with increased powers, and the fixing by Congress of a fair standard return upon the capital invested for the railroads.

"Government control," he asserted, "was intended for war purposes, and it ought not to be continued for peace purposes unless some assured, not speculative or conjectural, advantage can be gained thereby."

Should Be Given Back.

"I submit the principle of common honesty suggests this property, which does not belong to the government, and which does not belong to Mr. Hines (director general), should be given back to the owners within a reasonable time, and then, if the people of the country have sufficient confidence in government ownership to try it, let us pass the necessary legislation confiscating this property and pay for it as an honest government ought to pay for it. But we cannot afford to take five years to evolve plans, and, while we are evolving the plans to keep in the government's possession property which was turned over to it as a war measure for the purpose of experimentation."

Senator Pomerene criticized the railroad administration for ignoring the Interstate Commerce Commission in rate-making and for what he called "reprehensible" orders setting aside laws.

MISS ROCHE IMPROVES.

The friends of Miss Annie Roche, one of the pretty girls who worked on the Press and Banner at one time, will be sorry to know that it has been necessary for her to undergo an operation at the Georgetown University Hospital, at Georgetown, Maryland. Miss Roche has been in training in this hospital for sometime. She had an attack of flu sometime ago, and the operation follows from the effects of this disease. She is recovering from the operation.

WATER ANALYSIS.

Sanitary Water analysis No. 2081 of Water Received March 7, 1919. From Abbeville Water & Electric Plant, Abbeville, S. C.

Results in Part per Million:	
Color	5.00
Chlorine	6.00
Free Ammonia	0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.02
Nitrogen in Nitrites	0.00
Nitrogen in Nitrates	0.01
Total Solids	94.00

Bacterial Analysis

Bacterial Indications of Contaminations, Negative.

Remarks: Analysis indicate water to be of good quality and free from contamination.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Parker, M. D.

WILSON PREPARES FOR CONFERENCE

Paris, March 20.—President Wilson spent this afternoon in work at the Paris "White House" in preparation for another conference this afternoon with Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George. The conference will take place at Mr. Lloyd George's residence.

GRAVES' COURSE FOLLOWS ORDERS

Russians Must Choose Own Government—Must Not Take Sides—Reports of Anti-American Feeling in Eastern Siberia Have Reached Washington.

Washington, March 19.—Reports of growing anti-American feeling in Eastern Siberia have been for some time in the hands of the state department. This was learned authoritatively today in connection with an Associated Press dispatch from Vladivostok telling of widespread criticism in Eastern Siberia of the operations of the American military forces there.

The report, it was learned, came from both American diplomatic and military representatives in Siberia and instances of the feeling were cited. Officials of the state department, it was said, however, have thoroughly approved the conduct of the American forces under Maj. Gen. William S. Graves.

Instructions were issued to General Graves before he went to Siberia, it was learned, to avoid carefully any act which would commit the United States government to either side in any factional troubles. These instructions, it was said, have been repeated from time to time, and strict observance of them by the American commander has aroused some of the hostility.

Much of hostility in Vladivostok toward Americans is attributed to well informed circles here to the activity of a Japanese agent. It has been reported that about three weeks ago a Japanese publicity agent arrived in Vladivostok. Within a few days, these reports say, articles began appearing in the newspapers of Vladivostok which are said to be under Japanese influence, reflecting upon the United States and its Siberian policy or as the articles described, its lack of policy.

State department officials said today that the situation as regards Japanese influence was clearing. The war party in Japan, to which much of the friction was attributed in reports reaching this country, has been superseded by the peace party. It is regarded as certain in circles conversant with the situation that as regards lessening of the friction between the Japanese and Americans the future is hopeful.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

Comes to the Opera House, Next Wednesday.

The Magnitude of David W. Griffith's feat in staging "The Birth of a Nation" is almost appalling—at least to the devotees of the older forms of theatrical entertainment. Where now are the little groups of actors, the pinchbeck scenery and the petty properties of the so-called "legitimate" drama? By comparison with the new art, the "legitimate" measures to the mountain like a molehill. Instead of scenery for his background Griffith has used Nature. For subject he has covered 150 years of American history. Eighteen thousand people have done his bidding and in the hair-raising rides of the Ku Klux Klan three thousand riders and horses sweep over the dusty roads.

No wonder that this magnificent historical spectacle is the talk of the country. It has established an entirely new art in the realm of the theatre, the art of pantomimic screen spectacle with an orchestral score perfectly synchronized to the action. It has also created a tremendous sensation because of its vaster and more forceful treatment of the theme of Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman" which both as book and play created the greatest furore of the last decade.

The deeds of the Civil War and the horror of Reconstruction are made to live again and the nation reborn is apotheosized.

FRENCH GARRISON RETIRE.

London, March 20.—Virtually all of the Ukraine is now in the hands of the Bolsheviks, according to advices reaching London today. In heavy fighting at Nikolaiev, northeast of Odessa, the Bolsheviks lost between 5,000 and 8,000 men, but forced the French garrison, after fierce fighting, to withdraw to Odecca.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Fire broke out of the roof of the residence of Chief of Police Joseph L. Johnson Thursday morning at about 8:30 o'clock. The fire seemed to be making headway between the ceiling and roof above. On account of its location it was hard to fight even after the department succeeded in getting the fire-fighting apparatus in operation.

The roof of the house was badly damaged, making it necessary to rebuild practically the whole of it. No other damage was done except by water, the furniture in the house and the rooms below being badly flooded with the water necessary to put out the fire above.

The cause of the fire can be stated only by conjecture. It is supposed that it originated in some way from a spark from the chimney of the house.

WILSON AND CARWILE.

Prof. Walter W. Wilson, of Level Land, who was recently introduced to the Hill-billies, went home and armed himself with another good set-back player, Prof. Add Carwile, and returned to the city on yesterday, with blood on his horns. He tackled the two best players in the club, and after having swallowed them alive, he and his partner tried another team, and gave them the same sentence. They then began to look around for the others, intending to put in a full day's work in cleaning out the whole crowd, just like clearing new-ground, but they were disappointed to find that every other member had left town for the tall timbers.

Prof. Wilson was especially anxious to cross bats with Uncle Jim and any partner he desired to choose, but he could get little information as to his whereabouts. He told us that "Old Hill" had informed him that Uncle Jim was down town before breakfast trying to find Dr. Jones F. Miller, whom he wanted to fill a prescription which Col. Johnnie McKee had sent him, and that he supposed he found the doctor and got the prescription filled as he had not been able to locate him all day long, although he had looked diligently for both Uncle Jim and the prescription—especially for the latter.

A THRILLING EVENT.

Mrs. C. E. Williams is at home again after an extended visit to her father, in Georgia. Her fine young daughter was much improved by her visit and comes back the proud possessor of her first tooth, something which is bound to happen but is always thrilling to a young mother.

READY FOR COURT.

Cleveland Haskell was landed in jail yesterday by Sheriff Burts and Deputy Sheriff Cann, charged with a statutory felony. Cleveland lives on one of the plantations of Mr. James A. Gilliam.

PUTTING IT TO GOOD USE.

James C. Hemphill, who is living in Greenwood these days, has bought a Hup Roadster and is using it to get over to Abbeville as often as possible.

BUYS A FARM.

Judge Frank B. Gary and Wm. P. Greene have sold to John T. Evans the Atkins place formerly belonging to Miss Sallie M. Devlin, and located on the road to Verdery.

LODGE AND LOWELL ON WORLD LEAGUE

Audience Follows Speakers With Intense Interest—Lowell Admits Covenant Needs Clarification, But in Principle is Sound.

Boston, March 19.—"If the league shall be put in such shape that it will promote peace instead of breeding disorder, and will work no injustice to these United States, I will support it," said Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in replying to a question of President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Haryard, during their debate on the league of nations covenant tonight.

"I hope from my heart it will be amended," he added. "I hope that such a league will be formed somewhere. In my belief it will be done in Paris."

A demand from Dr. Lowell that Mr. Lodge say whether he would vote for the covenant if it were amended according to his wishes led to the Senator's declaration. Addressing an audience of 3,000 persons in Symphony Hall, the distinguished speakers were applauded liberally, frequently and apparently impartially.

No Heckling.

There was no heckling, though cries of "good" and "that's right" followed telling points in the arguments.

Senator Lodge outlined his attitude briefly as in favor of a league of nations, but not of the covenant as presented.

"The whole treaty should be redrafted," he asserted. "That is my first constructive criticism."

The Senator's reference to Theodore Roosevelt's attitude as in opposition to such a plan as was embodied in the covenant drew applause. He said that he had discussed the idea of a league of nations with Mr. Roosevelt two weeks before his death. "The position I have taken," he added, "in reference to this covenant is one that had Mr. Roosevelt's full approval. I do not say this to transfer any load from my shoulders to his, but it is at the same time a support to know that my position in this matter is in agreement with his expressed conviction."

Referring to the charge that the criticisms of the covenant were not constructive, Senator Lodge pointed out a number of ways in which he would amend the treaty, laying especial stress on protection of the Monroe Doctrine.

"The hour is rapidly approaching" said Dr. Lowell, in summing up his plea for the covenant, "when we must decide whether our country shall take its place like a great and generous nation side by side with others as guardians of law, order and justice in the world, or whether it shall turn its face away from a world in agony."

NOTE IN DUE WEST.

Dote Smith, the newspaper correspondent, was up town yesterday. He said that he is not surprised that any man raised in Due West is for prohibition; his only surprise is that a man from that place drinks even water. He says that he went up "to help move Tom Putman, and it is the driest place I ever saw. I never want to go through there again unless it is in an airship and it a-raining."

NEW AUTOMOBILE AGENCY.

James A. Hill has taken the agency for the Oakland and the Jordan cars, and will in the near future open a sales and show-room where he will show a line of these cars. The Oakland is a small six cylinder car, while the Jordan is a larger car and one of great beauty as well as wearing qualities.